

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the courtesy of the interview conducted April 10, 2003. Although no agreement was reached, reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully solicited in light of the following remarks.

Claims 143-161, all the claims present in this application, were rejected once again as allegedly being obvious in view of the combination of Klingler et al. (Patent No. 5,404,316) and Langford et al. (Patent No. 5,206,929) and Carlucci et al. (Patent No. 5,191,645). As in the previous Office Action of August 14, 2002, these three references were used to reject claims 143-161. The Examiner essentially repeated his prior rejection, almost verbatim.

It is respectfully submitted that the cumulative teachings of Klingler, Langford and Carlucci are not suggestive, to one of ordinary skill in the art, of Applicants' claimed invention. The comments and arguments filed December 6, 2002, with which the Examiner apparently disagrees, are repeated here and are incorporated as if they are re-presented, in haec verba, in this Response.

In an effort to advance the prosecution of this application to its successful conclusion, the following remarks are directed to those elements recited in Applicants' claims that find no correspondence in either Klingler, Langford or Carlucci.

Claims 143 and 153, the only independent claims, are directed to an editing apparatus (claim 143) or method (claim 153) for producing a resultant clip, for example, a video clip, from a plurality of clips by editing, composing or applying special effects to the plurality of clips. The apparatus includes a display means for displaying information about the clips in a table having rows and columns, "each row including information for a respective resultant clip, a first column of said row including an identification code for said resultant clip, [and] a second column of said row indicating from which of said plurality of clips said resultant clip is produced." Thus

Applicants' editing system displays information about the clips in an easily-understood tabular format of columns and rows which allows a user to effectively track relations between the various clips, and the complex edit history.

An example of a table displayed by the claimed display means is illustrated in Fig. 13 of the present application. The table in Fig. 13 includes rows and columns showing information pertaining to, for example, the clips which appear in Applicants' Fig. 4. Consider the entries for the resultant clip having Clip ID Code "008," in the eighth row of the table in Fig. 13. In the column labeled "Child Link ID Code," at the eighth row of that column, it is indicated that the resultant clip "008" is produced from the three clips having ID Codes "003," "002" and "001," respectively.

The Klingler patent, relied upon by the Examiner, even when supplemented by the Carlucci and Langford patents, fails to suggest at least a display means for "displaying a table...including horizontally aligned rows and vertically aligned columns, each row including information for a respective resultant clip, a first column of said row including an identification code for said resultant clip, a second column of said row indicating from which of said plurality of clips said resultant clip is produced." In this connection, Applicants' representative offers the following arguments.

The Examiner contends, in paragraph 2 at page 3 of the Office Action under reply, that "Klingler demonstrates a means for displaying a table...[and] teaches a second column of the said row indicating the said plurality of clips and resultant clips that are produced (fig. 17)." However, Fig. 17 of Klingler is not suggestive of the claimed display means. Instead, Fig. 17 illustrates a "Time View Window 240" wherein a "horizontal strip 112 displays a selected clip or clips of a movie" (lines 17-38 of col. 9). Further, it becomes particularly clear in a side-by-side

comparison of the figures that Fig. 17 of Klingler bears no resemblance to Applicants' claimed display means exemplified by Fig. 13 of the application.

The Examiner further contends that "Klingler demonstrates a table that includes horizontally aligned rows and vertically aligned columns (fig. 5)." However, Fig. 5 of Klingler is also not suggestive of the claimed display means. Instead, Fig. 5 illustrates a "grid upon which clips 106-110 of a movie are arranged"; wherein when the movie is played, the clips 106-110 will be played in the order that they are arranged on the grid (lines 14-52 of col. 7). Fig. 5 of Klingler likewise bears little resemblance to the claimed display means as illustrated in Applicants' Fig. 13.

The Examiner also contends that Fig. 10 of Carlucci teaches elements of the claimed display means. However, Fig. 10 of Carlucci fails to show even a table comprised of columns and rows. Instead, Fig. 10 shows a display merely including icons, which are compressed images (line 12 of col. 14).

The Examiner does not rely on Langford for disclosing the claimed display means. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner has found no reference that describes a means for displaying a table having in particular "a second column of said row indicating from which of said plurality of clips said resultant clip is produced." Nor has the Examiner offered any rebuttal to this argument; and the references nowhere disclose a "display means for displaying a table indicating individual resultant clips and said information pertaining to relations between each resultant clip and the plurality of clips, said table including horizontally aligned rows and vertically aligned columns, each row including information for a respective resultant clip, a first column of said row including an identification code for said resultant clip, a second column of said row indicating from which of said plurality of clips said resultant clip is produced."

Accordingly, Applicants submit that claims 143-161 are in condition for allowance. The withdrawal of the rejections of claims 143-161 and the issuance of the Notice of Allowance are respectfully solicited.

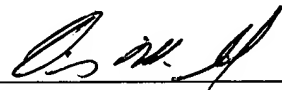
Statements appearing above in respect to the disclosures in the cited references represent the present opinions of the undersigned attorney and, in the event the Examiner disagrees with any of such opinions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the references providing the basis for a contrary view.

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